

# **BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY**

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Hearing Date:** March 4, 2008

**Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations:** Manicuring Curriculum

**Section Affected:** CCR 950.4

### **Specific Purpose**

The Board is revising the manicuring curriculum to ensure manicuring students are adequately trained and equipped while in school.

### **Factual Basis/Rationale**

The beauty industry is one that is constantly evolving. With new trends surfacing regularly, it is imperative that the Board ensures manicuring students are being educated to safely and competently operate as licensees. As the beauty industry continues to change, the manicuring curriculum taught in schools should reflect those changes. With this in mind, school instructors should be given some flexibility in determining the number of hours certain subjects are taught in schools.

The current manicuring curriculum is inflexible, restricting students from being current on beauty trends and safety issues. Licensees lacking the necessary training on popular trends and practices put those consumers receiving beauty services at risk of getting injured.

Therefore, the Board is proposing to amend the manicuring curriculum. The proposed language modifies the curriculum structure, still requiring specific subjects to be taught while allowing instructors to focus their lecture/curriculum accordingly. Additionally, the proposed language reflects an increase in the hour requirements for manicurists from 400 clock hours to 500 clock hours. This increase will allow school instructors more time to lecture on the required health and safety topics without having to limit the number of hours spent teaching other significant subjects.

### **Underlying Data**

1. June 26, 2006 Board meeting minutes
2. August 5, 2007 Board meeting minutes
3. Attachment 9d to the August 5, 2007 Board Meeting agenda
4. *New Industry Trends* by Jerry Tyler, dated June 16, 2006

### **Business Impact**

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

### **Specific Technologies or Equipment**

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

### **Consideration of Alternatives**

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

The Board did consider various alternatives to the proposed action, including but not limited to making no changes. The Board believes that the recommended changes provide the best opportunity for students to become safe, knowledgeable licensees.